

Press Release



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Hunting Allowed in Selected Parks

Two state parks, Ft Stevenson and Grahams Island, as well as the privately owned Cross Ranch Nature Preserve, will allow limited deer hunting this fall.

Beginning October 1, bow hunting for antlered or antlerless deer will be permitted at Ft. Stevenson State Park near Garrison. Bow hunters wishing to hunt at the park must apply for a special park permit, which will be available at the park office during regular business hours from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hunters must present a valid North Dakota bow license and unused tag to receive the special park permit. There is no charge for the special permits, which will be issued on a first come, first serve basis, but hunters must display a current park entrance permit on their vehicles while on parkland. For further information, contact Ft. Stevenson State Park at 337-5576.

Hunters will be able to harvest deer at Grahams Island State Park near Devils Lake during the bow, gun and muzzleloader seasons. Grahams Island will also be open for turkey hunting beginning Oct. 14. Again, hunters must have the appropriate licenses and unused tag, a park entrance sticker and must apply for a special park hunting permit. The permits are available at the park office during regular business hours from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by writing or calling the park at 152 S. Duncan Drive, Devils Lake, ND 58301, ph. 766-4015

Grahams Island State Park will be closed to all visitors except hunters during the deer gun season from November 10 through November 26.

Hunting is also allowed on the privately owned Cross Ranch Nature Preserve, which is adjacent to Cross Ranch State Park near Hensler, and on a portion of park property located three miles north of the main park facilities. Permits for hunting are for the regular deer gun season only, and hiking trails that connect the park to the nature preserve will be closed to all visitors except authorized hunters. Hunters must contact the Cross Ranch Nature Preserve at 794-8741 for special permits and access information. A limited number of permits are available on a first come, first serve basis. Hunters who use the access point on park property must display a park entrance permit.

Play in our backyard!